

### **Shoulder Guidelines**

Shoulder Guidelines were developed and recommended to the Wyoming Workers' Safety and Compensation Division by the Medical Commission subcommittee members on March 31, 2006:

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The recommendations were developed by combining evidence from the medical literature with the opinions of clinical expert consultants, and community based practicing physicians. These guidelines will be used in the workers' compensation injured worker population and therefore the guidelines are more heavily based on expert opinion from Medical Commission panel members.

Health Care Providers are expected to be familiar with the guidelines and follow the recommendations. However, the Medical Commission members and Division recognizes the guidelines are not hard and fast rules. The guidelines are meant to be a standard for the majority of requests. Injured workers, who appear not to meet the guideline criteria, will have a further review by a specialty-matched physician for further assessment of the clinical findings.

Depending on the amount of feedback regarding modifications received by community practicing physicians and subcommittee members, these guidelines may be reviewed and amended by Medical Commission subcommittee members.

Shoulder Treatment Guidelines recommended to the Division Administrator, Gary W. Child on the 9th day of May 2006.

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Division adopted, began implementation, and made available on line the Shoulder Treatment Guidelines on the 17th day of May 2006.